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## ANNUAL REPORT

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Dante Society was held on May 19, 1914, at the house of the President, 11 Francis Avenue, Cambridge. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted, and the officers of the previous year were reëlected. Mr. William Roscoe Thayer, Mr. Jeremiah Denis Matthias Ford, and Miss Katharine Vaughan Spencer were chosen members of the Council. The Secretary reported that three essays had been submitted for the Dante prize, and that a half-prize had been awarded to Richard Ager Newhall, of the senior class in Harvard College, for a study of "Italian Ghibellinism as reflected in Dante."

After the regular business was transacted Professor Grandgent spoke briefly concerning current literature relating to Dante. The Secretary gave an account of a letter and an essay by a deceased member of the Society, Mr. Louis Dyer, on Dante's conception of Fortuna. The letter has since been published with the thirty-second Annual Report.

Another study of Fortuna, by Dr. Howard Rollin Patch, is submitted to the members of the Society with the present report. Mr. Patch's paper does not continue the particular inquiry suggested by Mr. Dyer, but is based upon an extensive investigation of the whole history

of the conception of Fortuna in mediæval literature. The author's conclusions with respect to Dante are of such interest as to make desirable their publication in this separate essay, and it is to be hoped that his complete monograph, with its fuller statement and confirmation of his opinions, may soon be printed.

The paper on "Dante and Servius," which is also published herewith, was read by Professor Rand at the annual meeting in 1915, and the Council are glad to be able to make it accessible now to all members of the Society.

FRED NORRIS ROBINSON

*Secretary*

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